captioned "Cereal dificit in India imminent" as per study undertaken by IFPRI (International Food Policy Research Institute), Washington;

(b) whether an expected rise in consumption of meat and eggs and increased reliance on cereals for livestock food in India could lead to cereal deficits of 36 to 64 million tons a year by 2020; and

(c) if so, what appropriate agricultural policies Government propose to adopt so as to increase domestic livestock and cereal production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cereal production in India is projected in the Ninth Plan document to increase to 307.5 million tonnes by 2011-12, which is a comfortable level.

(c) A regional strategy based on agro-climatic regional planning, which takes into account the agronomic, climatic and environmental conditions, will be adopted to increase the production of cereals and other agricultural produce and realize full potential of growth in every region. The policies and activities for increasing the livestock and fish production will particularly focus on scientific management and upgradation of genetic stock resources; increasing availability of nutritious feed and foder; control of animals diseases, creation of disease free zones; development of processing and marketing facilities; and sustainable development of fisheries and aquaculture.

**Development of Agriculture and Horticulture in Meghalaya**

2327. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the Central funds allocated, released and utillised for the development of agriculture and horticulture in North-Eastern Region particularly, in Meghalaya during the last five years and till date;

(b) the details of target achieved, so far; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase the allocation of funds to North-Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO) : (a) A Statement is enclosed. (*see* below).

(b) To achieve substainable production, remarkable achievements, efforts have been made in the field of Soil Conservation in the shifting cultivation areas and dryland farming in rainfed areas. Under the Scheme for conservation in shifting cultivation areas, 1,38,646 ha. of land has been treated in all the N.E. States, of which Meghalaya accounts for 10,817 ha. during 1994-95 to 1998-99. Similarly, under the National Watershed Development Project in Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) Project, an area of 1,96,672 ha. has been developed in N.E. region of which Meghalaya accounts for 7,662 ha. During the period 1994-95 to 1998-99, 80 Cooperative Societies with sanctioned amount of Rs. 196.93 lakhs were created for marketing and processing of Horticultural crops. However, due to infrastructural bottlenecks owing to the special geographical features of these states, full realisation of goals in certain fields has not been possible.

(c) Under present Government Policy all Central Ministries/ Departments have to allocate at least 10 per cent of the Plan Outlay to the N.E. States.

**Statement**

*North-Eastern Region*

(Rs. in Lakhs)

| Year | Allocation* | Release | Expenditure(&) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1995-96 | 3275.39 | 4815.80 | 2961.91 |
| 1996-97 | 2400.52 | 5216.01 | 3850.38 |
| 1997-98 | 4037.45 | 4799.95 | 3455.34 |
| 1998-99 | 5466.68 | 6637.82 | 4430.07 |
| 1999-2000@ | 7003.17 | 3174.12 | 1625.60 |

| Year | Allocation* | Release | Expenditure(&) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | MEGHALAYA | | |
| 1995-96 | 73.18 | 234.33 | 258.67 |
| 1996-97 | 185.51 | 444.29 | 162.56 |
| 1997-98 | 150.04 | 268.28 | 157.94 |
| 1998-99 | 555.80 | 569.21 | 115.66 |
| 1999-2000 | 667.03 | 303.38 | 10.00 |

*Allocations in respect of certain demand driven Schemes are not made statewise. Funds are released on the basis of proposals received from the states.

(&) Unspent balances have been spent in the successive years.
@ Expenditure as on 1.10.99.

**Losses Due to Cyclone in Tamil Nadu**

2328. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment on the damage caused to Tamil Nadu by recent cyclone;

(b) if so, the details of damage to human being, roads, telecom, crops wealth, etc. district-wise;

(c) the grants and advance assistance extended by the Central Government; and

(d) the progress of relief and rehabilitation measures as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) No damage has been reported in any parts of the State of Tamil Nadu due to the cyclone of October, 1999. However, according to reports received from the Government of Tamil Nadu, many parts of the State were affected by heavy rainfall in November, 1999. A statement indicating the district-wise damage in various sectors is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) Three instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 1999-2000 amounting to Rs. 38.61 crore has been released